country. Under the National Malaria Eradication Programme—a centrally sponsored plan scheme (category-II), organised control measure for Malaria are being undertaken. This has resulted in bringing down the incidence of malaria to 1.48 million cases in 1987 against 6.47 million cases reported in 1976.

There is no plan scheme for the control or eradication of Kala-azar and Japanese Encephalitis. However, necessary remedial measures are being taken under NMEP (Rural) for carrying out insecticidal spray operation for the containment of spread of these diseases.

The amount spent by various States/U.Ts. on National Malaria Eradication Programme (Rural & Urban) on operational cost is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 54] The expenditure incurred specifically on Kala-azar & Japanese Encephalitis has not been reported by the States/U.Ts. to this Ministry.

(d) The proposal was placed before the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare and in its meeting held in February, 1988, the Council recommended an integrated programme for control of Malaria and other vector borne diseases like Filaria, Japanese Encephalitis and Kala-azar.

Inquiry into the working of Asiatic Society of India

1556. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct an indepth inquiry into the working of the Asiatic Society of India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government presently to conduct an indepth inquiry into the working of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta.

(b) Does not arise.

Dogra Commttee Report on Technical Education

1557. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the Dogra Committee report on technical education; and

(b) if so, by what time impleme tation process is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUC AND CULTURE IN THE MIN OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEV MENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) (b) An Empowered Committee has been set up to examine the report of the Dogra Committee and make recommendations. The implementation process will start only after the recommendations of the Empowered Committee have been finalised and approved by the Cabinet.

Over staffing in Air India

1558. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Air India" is grossly over-staffed making it non competitive compared to other international carriers;

(b) if so, what action is being taken to reduce the excess staff; and